



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

**Date:** April 22, 2002  
**To:** Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
**Referral to:**

**Subject:** Mohamed Abdi v. City of Minneapolis, et al.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of the claim of Mohamed Abdi in the amount of \$4,000.00, payable to Mohamed Abdi and his attorney, Robert V. Jones, Esq., from Fund/Org 6900 150 1500 4000.

**Previous Directives:** None.

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**Approved by:** Jay M. Heffern  
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**Presenter in Committee:** Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): Payment from Org./ Fund 6900 150 1500 4000
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information**

This matter involves a claim by a 24 year old motorist for damages relating to neck and back injuries he claims he sustained in an automobile accident on June 24, 1998, at approximately 6:00 p.m. At that time, the Plaintiff was driving his 1987 Camry westbound on Franklin Avenue at Park Avenue. He started to enter the intersection but had to brake because an oncoming vehicle was attempting to make a quick left turn in front of him. A Minneapolis squad car driven by Officer Larry Swanson rear-ended the claimant's automobile. There was moderate damage to the claimant's vehicle. The Plaintiff was seen at a hospital the following day for back, head and knee pain. He was subsequently treated by a chiropractor for his neck and back problems. He was initially diagnosed as having a strain/brain injury to the cervical and lumbar spine and a sprained knee. Mr. Abdi's chiropractor states that Abdi sustained a permanent injury to this cervical and lumbar spine as a result of the motor vehicle accident. The Claimant had approximately \$2,100 in medical and chiropractic expenses as a result of the accident. No wage losses are claimed. Based upon the foregoing, the liability of the City is clear. In view of the fact that the City will not be incurring expenses

for discovery, adverse medical examinations, or expert testimony and based upon the potential for a much higher verdict if the case were tried, it is my belief that the \$4,000.00 settlement is advantageous to the City.

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